

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ashley E. Poling, Vice Chairwoman;
Mark Acton;
Ann C. Fisher; and
Robert G. Taub

Market Test of Experimental Product –
USPS Connect Local Mail

Docket No. MT2022-1

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND COMMENT DEADLINE

(Issued December 7, 2021)

On November 10, 2021, the Postal Service filed notice of its intent to conduct a market test of an experimental product called USPS Connect Local Mail.¹ On November 16, 2021, the Commission established the deadline for public comment on the Notice as December 7, 2021.² On November 24, 2021, the Public Representative filed a motion for the Commission to issue an information request to obtain information for evaluating the market test.³ On November 29, 2021, Chairman's Information

¹ United States Postal Service Notice of Market Test of Experimental Product – USPS Connect Local Mail, November 10, 2021 (Notice).

² Notice and Order Concerning Market Test of Experimental Product – USPS Connect Local Mail, November 16, 2021 (Order No. 6038).

³ Motion of the Public Representative for Issuance of Information Request, November 24, 2021.

Request No. 1 was issued and directed the Postal Service to respond by December 6, 2021.⁴ The Postal Service has yet to respond to CHIR No. 1.

On December 7, 2021, the Public Representative filed a motion seeking to extend the deadline “to three business days after the filing of complete responses to CHIR No. 1.”⁵ She asserts that “full and complete responses to CHIR No. 1 are essential to the evaluation of the Notice” and that extending the comment deadline “will not significantly delay the proceeding nor adversely affect any participant.” Motion at 1-2.

The Motion is granted. The Commission finds that the extension will provide interested parties the opportunity to consider the responses to CHIR No. 1 in their comments. The Commission extends the deadline to three business days after the Postal Service files complete responses to CHIR No. 1.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the Public Representative to Extend Comment Deadline, filed December 7, 2021, is granted.
2. The Commission extends the comment deadline to three business days after the Postal Service files complete responses to Chairman’s Information Request No. 1.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker
Secretary

⁴ Chairman’s Information Request No. 1, November 29, 2021 (CHIR No. 1).

⁵ Motion of the Public Representative to Extend Comment Deadline, December 7, 2021, at 2 (Motion).